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DETECTIVE CHIMP

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THE SECRET ORIGIN OF THE
SOVEREIGN
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WE WERE UNPLEASED.

FOLLOWING OUR MURDER OF STEVE TREVOR, WE EAGERLY ANTICIPATED HER ARRIVAL.

WE HOPED TO SEE HER AT OUR DOORSTEP, BANGING AND SCREAMING.

HER FURY WAS TO BE OUR VICTORY.

HER EYES TEARFUL. HER TEETH BARED. HER FISTS CLENCHED. NAILS DIGGING INTO HER OWN SKIN.

INSTEAD...

...WE GOT THE CHIMP.

OH, **HELLO,** EXCUSE ME. I DON'T MEAN TO BOTHER YOU. I CAN GO IF THERE'S A BETTER TIME.

SEE, I WAS JUST **SWINGING** BY THE NEIGHBORHOOD, SO TO SPEAK--THAT'S A LITTLE APE HUMOR THERE, **SWINGING BY.** FORGIVE ME.

AND I THOUGHT, WELL, **WHILE** I'M HERE, MAYBE I SHOULD **STOP IN** AND CLEAR UP A FEW THINGS THAT WERE ON **MY MIND.**

ABOUT THIS **COLONEL TREVOR** SITUATION.

I **THINK** WE SPOKE ON THE PHONE ABOUT IT. I **CALLED** YOU.

I'M **DETECTIVE CHIMP.**

I PROBABLY SHOULD'VE SAID THAT **FIRST.** I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT.

I CAN JUST GO IF THIS IS A **BOTHER** AT ALL. I'LL COME BACK AT A **BETTER** TIME.

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SIR.

THERE IS A *MONKEY* HERE TO SEE YOU.

APE.

AN *APE*, SIR.

PARDON?

NO, *PARDON* ME, THIS IS ENTIRELY *MY* FAULT. *I'M* THE ONE INTRUDING.

I WAS JUST *SWINGING* BY--THAT'S *APE HUMOR.* IF THE BUTLER DOESN'T LAUGH, THAT'S 'CAUSE HE'S *ALREADY* HEARD IT.

DO YOU KNOW, I THOUGHT *HE* WAS *YOU?*

I GUESS *MAYBE* IT'S, WELL, BECAUSE I CAN'T FIND A *PICTURE* OF YOU ANYWHERE.

HECK, *I* DON'T EVEN KNOW YOUR NAME-- JUST YOUR *ADDRESS* FROM WHAT WE FOUND SEARCHING THE COLONEL'S CAR, *MISTER...?*

CHARLES.

HENRY CHARLES.

HENRY CHARLES! A *PLEASURE* TO MEET YOU.

MY NAME'S *DETECTIVE CHIMP.* WE SPOKE ON THE PHONE, *BRIEFLY.*

MAYBE YOU REMEMBER? I'M INVESTIGATING THE *TREVOR* MURDER.

I *SEE.*

THE ODIOUS PRIMATE DID NOT LINGER LONG IN OUR PRESENCE.

THANKFULLY.

COLONEL TREVOR'S CAR HAD BEEN BANALLY DISCOVERED WITHIN THE MAN'S OWN GARAGE.

A SEEMINGLY ROUTINE CHECK OF THE VEHICLE'S GPS SHOWED IT HAD VISITED SEVERAL LOCATIONS OVER THE PAST WEEK.

INCLUDING OUR MANSE IN NORTHERN McLEAN.

WE EXPLAINED THAT WE KNEW COLONEL TREVOR VAGUELY.

HE, LIKE US, WAS A COLLECTOR OF HISTORICAL OBJECTS.

HIS VISIT TO OUR ABODE WAS NOTHING MORE THAN AN OPPORTUNITY TO INSPECT A REVOLUTIONARY FLAG HE HAD INTEREST IN PURCHASING.

THIS PREPREPARED EXPLANATION SEEMED TO SATISFY THE URCHIN.

HE APOLOGIZED FOR THE INTRUSION, SAYING IT WOULD BE HIS LAST.

THEN HE WALKED TO THE DOOR AS I SAT DOWN TO MY PAPER.

AT THE HALLWAY, THOUGH, HE STOPPED, TURNED, AND NOTED A NEED FOR A FINAL INQUIRY.

NOTHING OF IMPORTANCE, OF COURSE, HE EMPHASIZED.

HE WAS MERELY PONDERING WHAT WE DID FOR A LIVING THAT WE COULD AFFORD THE HOUSE, THE BUTLER, THE COLLECTION.

"I AM RETIRED FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE," WE SAID. "THE WEALTH IS INHERITED. MY FATHER INVESTED IN REAL ESTATE."

HE SMILED, NODDED, AND LEFT.

WE THOUGHT WE WOULD NEVER SEE HIS SHAGGY FACE AGAIN.

WE WERE...

...MISTAKEN.

MR. CHARLES! HOW **ARE** YOU?!

DETECTIVE.

I DO NOT KNOW IF YOU ARE ***AWARE***, BUT THIS IS A ***PRIVATE*** SECTION OF ARLINGTON.

WHERE MY ***FATHER*** IS BURIED.

IS IT? OH ***NO.*** I FEEL ***TERRIBLE*** ABOUT THAT.

I WAS JUST AT THE OTHER SIDE, AT THE ***COLONEL'S GRAVE,*** AND I SAW ***YOU*** COMING UP FROM A DISTANCE, AND I THOUGHT...

...HEY, THAT'S ***MR. CHARLES.*** THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO SAY ***HELLO*** AND UPDATE HIM ON THE CASE.

SO I DON'T HAVE TO INTERRUPT HIM AT ***HOME*** AGAIN.

=SIGH=

YES?

AND?

WHAT?

ARE THERE UPDATES ON THE CASE, DETECTIVE?

DID YOU THINK I WOULD INQUIRE AS TO THE WEATHER?

I AM HERE TO TRIBUTE MY FATHER, NOT TO ENGAGE IN SMALL TALK.

OF COURSE. OF COURSE. WHAT WAS I THINKING?

YES! WE HAVE A THEORY NOW BASED ON THE INFORMATION YOU PROVIDED.

WHICH WAS VERY HELPFUL, SO LET ME THANK YOU FOR THAT, MR. CHARLES.

YOU'RE WELCOME.

BUT I BELIEVE YOU WERE--

YOU KNOW I BROUGHT A BANANA WITH ME.

NO IDEA WHERE I PUT IT. MAYBE I LEFT IT BACK AT THE COLONEL'S.

I'M NOT HUNGRY, BUT I FEEL AWFUL THAT I LOST IT, YOU KNOW.

DETECTIVE...

I COULDN'T EVEN EAT IT HERE. IT'D BE RUDE.

DON'T KNOW WHY IT BUGS ME. JUST ALWAYS LIKE TO HAVE A BANANA HANDY.

DETECTIVE!

YOU CLAIMED YOU HAD AN UPDATE THAT WAS WORTH INTRUDING UPON A SACRED TASK!

I DO NOT CARE ABOUT YOUR BANANA!

RIGHT, RIGHT, I'M SORRY, ***FORGET*** THE BANANA. YES, OF COURSE.

IT WAS JUST...SINCE TREVOR CAME TO ***YOU*** TO BUY THIS FLAG...

...HE PROBABLY HAD A ***TON*** OF CASH ON HIM. CASH ***NOT*** FOUND ON THE BODY.

...AND THAT POINTS TO A ***ROBBERY.***

YES...PERHAPS WHEN HE RETURNED WITH THE CAR IN THE ***GARAGE.***

SOMEONE ***TOOK*** THE MONEY AND ***DISCARDED*** THE BODY.

THIS IS WHY I WANTED TO TELL YOU, TO ***THANK*** YOU, IN PERSON.

JUST A LITTLE THING ***YOU*** SAID MAY HAVE BLOWN THE WHOLE CASE ***WIDE*** OPEN.

YES, WELL...

I'M ***GLAD*** I HAVE CONTRIBUTED IN ***SOME*** FASHION.

I ONLY WISH I COULD HELP YOU SOME ***MORE,*** DETECTIVE.

NO, NO, THIS IS ***PLENTY.*** JUST GLAD YOU CAN ***CONFIRM*** IT, SO I CAN QUIT TROUBLING YOU.

YOU CAN ***CONFIRM*** THAT, RIGHT, MR. CHARLES? THAT HE HAD THAT ***MONEY*** ON HIM.

IN ***CASH.***

YES, YES, ***OBVIOUSLY.***

I SAW IT WITH MY ***OWN EYES.***

TRUTH IS **SACRED**, YOUNG ONE.

IF YOU UNDERSTAND NOTHING ELSE FROM OUR TIME TOGETHER, PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT.

THERE IS A REASON WE SHARE THIS STORY WITH YOU.

THAT WE EXPOSE OUR HUMILIATION AT THE HANDS OF A NASTY WOMAN.

YOU ARE **TRINITY**. YOU HOLD THE THREE LASSOS OF FATE.

YOU COMMAND OUR RESPECT DESPITE YOUR HERITAGE AND GENDER.

TO YOU I OWE MY VERACITY.

BUT A CHIMP?

ONE CAN LIE TO A CHIMP.

DAYS PASSED, AND WE DID NOT HEAR FROM THE CREATURE.

THOUGH WE ADMIT THERE WERE MOMENTS WHERE WE EXPECTED HIM TO BE HANGING OUTSIDE OUR BEDROOM WINDOW.

THIS WAS BUT FOOLISH PARANOIA.

DEAR LORD!

AS THAT WAS NOT AT ALL WHERE WE, IN FACT, DISCOVERED HIM HANGING.

MR. CHARLES! SORRY, I WAS COMING TO VISIT, AND I SAW *THIS* BRANCH.

AND, WELL, SOMETIMES WHEN YOU SPOT A *GOOD BRANCH*, AND YOU'VE GOT A *GOOD BANANA*...

...YOU JUST *GOT* TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE *WHOLE SITUATION*.

DETECTIVE! WE--*I* HAVE HAD A FEW STRESSFUL DAYS DUE TO A *FINANCIAL SITUATION!**

I AM OUT FOR A *RIDE* TO RELIEVE THAT TENSION!

THIS IS NOT A MOMENT IN WHICH I WISH TO DISCUSS YOUR *BANANA!*

*SEE LAST ISSUE!
--BRITTANY

UNDERSTOOD.

THIS'LL BE ***SUPER*** QUICK. I JUST APPRECIATED ALL THE HELP YOU GAVE ME WITH THE ***MONEY*** AND YOUR ***THEORY*** ABOUT THE ROBBERY.

THAT WAS ***VERY*** HELPFUL, BUT I HAD A ***FOLLOW-UP.*** IT WON'T TAKE LONG AT ALL.

YOU CONTINUE TO ***INSULT*** ME!

YOU CONSIDER ME A ***FOOL?!***

SNNTCH

NO, SIR, NEVER. MUCH THE ***OPPOSITE.***

I'M TRYING TO SORT OUT THIS WHOLE ***SITUATION,*** AND I'VE JUST HIT A ***WALL.***

DO YOU NOT BELIEVE I SEE ***THROUGH*** YOU, ANIMAL?

THAT I ***TIRE*** OF THIS ***FARCE?!***

WHY, ***MR. CHARLES.***

WHAT'S GOTTEN YOU SO ***UPSET?***

ENOUGH OF THIS *BUFFOONERY.*

YOU HAVE *FIVE MINUTES* TO LEAVE THE PREMISES BEFORE I SEND IN MY *GUARDS.*

IT'S JUST, WE DID SOME *SEARCHING,* AND WE *COULDN'T* FIND THE CASH. FROM THE *ROBBERY.*

TREVOR DIDN'T *WITHDRAW* IT FROM HIS *ACCOUNT.* NONE OF HIS FRIENDS GAVE IT TO HIM.

BUT AS *YOU* SAW IT, I WAS WONDERING IF MAYBE HE MENTIONED TO *YOU* WHERE HE GOT IT FROM?

THAT'S ALL.

=SIGH=

CLEARLY, *I* PROVIDED HIM THE MONEY. I PURCHASED A UNIFORM FROM ONE OF *HIS* FAMOUS BATTLES MONTHS AGO.

HE CAME TO VIEW *MY* COLLECTION AND I PURCHASED SOMETHING FROM *HIS.* A COMMON ENOUGH OCCURRENCE IN *OUR* CIRCLES.

AH! THAT WOULD EXPLAIN IT!

I SHOULD'VE THOUGHT OF THAT. TIES IT *ALL* TOGETHER. *THANK YOU* AGAIN FOR THE HELP.

BUT NOW THAT YOU *MENTION* IT, I APPRECIATE MILITARY HISTORY STUFF *MYSELF.*

YOU MIND IF I GET A *LOOK* AT THAT TREVOR UNIFORM YOU BOUGHT FROM HIM?

THAT'D BE SOMETHING *SPECIAL.*

WE TOLD THE BEAST WE WERE BUSY THAT DAY, AND IF HE MIGHT RETURN LATER IN THE WEEK...

...WE COULD SHOW HIM OUR TREASURED OUTFIT.

WHICH GAVE US LIMITED TIME TO PROCURE SUCH A PARTICULAR OBJECT.

ONE THAT MIGHT ENDURE THE SCRUTINY OF THIS RATHER PICKY DETECTIVE.

WHO WOULD LIKELY TEST THE UNIFORM FOR BOTH BATTLE AUTHENTICITY AND TREVOR'S DNA.

EVERY MEANS OF FABRICATION SEEMED TO CARRY WITH IT THE POSSIBILITY OF DISCOVERY AND FURTHER EXPOSURE TO THE ANIMAL'S CURIOSITY.

IN THE END, THE DECISION WAS REACHED TO FILCH THE GENUINE OBJECT.

MANY OPTIONS WERE CONSIDERED AND DISMISSED.

TREVOR KEPT AN OFFICE AT THE PENTAGON.

ONE MIGHT EXPECT US TO USE OUR MILITARY CONTACTS TO GET INSIDE.

ONE WOULD NOT EXPECT US TO USE CIRCE.

THE PLAN WAS SIMPLE ENOUGH.

TAKE ONE CERTIFIABLE OUTFIT.

USE A SPELL TO REPLACE IT WITH A FAKE.

LEAVE AS QUICK AS YOU CAME.

ABRACADABRA.

AND DONE.

OH. YOU.

SEE NOW, IN MY LINE OF BUSINESS--THE *DETECTIVE GAME*, THAT IS--

--THAT RIGHT *THERE* IS WHAT *WE* CALL...

...A *CLUE*.

AND WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE WILL HAPPEN *NOW?*

WHEN I THROW *FIRE*, AND YOU THROW *FECES.*

REALLY? *FECES?*

THAT'S A *CRUEL* THING TO SAY TO AN APE.

AND YOU KNOW WHAT BEING *CRUEL TO ANIMALS* IS?

AAH!

ASHFEMINA

A *SIN.*

IN OUR UNDERSTANDING, THE INTERROGATION OF CIRCE WAS ESPECIALLY UNPLEASANT.

LASTING NOT HOURS, BUT DAYS AND WEEKS.

THE CHIMP KEPT ASKING HER QUESTION AFTER QUESTION...

...AS THE SPECTRE CRAWLED ABOUT HER SOUL.

THE VENGEANCE OF GOD, NO LONGER TETHERED TO A HUMAN, REVELED IN THE CENTER OF THE WITCH, UNEARTHING THREE MILLENNIAS OF MONSTROSITIES.

EACH WAS SURFACED TO HER CONSCIOUS, INFLICTING UPON HER THE THOUSAND PUNISHMENTS SHE HAD EAGERLY PROVIDED TO SO MANY OTHERS.

SHE STRUGGLED, AND SHE SOBBED, AND SHE SCREAMED.

THEN SHE TALKED.

YOU WOULDN'T ***BELIEVE*** WHAT SHE SAID. HEAVEN KNOWS ***I*** HAD TROUBLE WITH IT.

I MEAN, IT WAS JUST SOMETHING ELSE, ***MR. CHARLES.***

OR--AS ***SHE*** SAYS YOU SHOULD BE ADDRESSED--

--SOVEREIGN.

GET YOUR HANDS OFF MY GUN, YOU ***DAMN DIRTY APE.***

SHE CLAIMED YOU'RE THE SECRET ***KING OF AMERICA.***

THAT ***YOU*** AND YOUR FAMILY HAVE BEEN MANIPULATING OUR CITIZENRY FOR...

...THREE HUNDRED YEARS.

ISN'T THAT JUST ***BANANAS?***

LEAVE.

NOW.

OH, I'M ***SORRY.*** I DIDN'T ***MEAN*** TO OVERSTAY MY WELCOME.

THAT'S ***MY*** FAULT. I CAN SEE YOU'RE ***ANXIOUS.*** I DON'T WANT TO ***DISTRESS*** YOU.

I'LL LEAVE AND DEAL WITH THE DETAILS OF ***ALL*** THIS LATER, MAYBE WITH YOUR LAWYER.

THESE ARE ***BASELESS*** ACCUSATIONS THAT YOU'VE OBTAINED FROM A VILLAIN... A...***HERETIC.***

DO YOU THINK TO ***THREATEN*** TO ARREST ME ON THE ***LIES*** OF THIS ***MAGIC*** WOMAN?

NO, NO, YOU'RE RIGHT, I COULDN'T ***DO*** THAT. ***ARREST*** YOU BASED ON HER TESTIMONY.

JURY WON'T CONVICT YOU BASED ON THE WORD OF AN ANCIENT WITCH THESE DAYS.

NO, YOU'RE ONE HUNDRED PERCENT CORRECT ABOUT THAT, ***YOUR MAJESTY.***

MR. CHARLES, YOU MEAN.

RIGHT, RIGHT, ***SLIP OF THE TONGUE.*** FORGIVE ME.

I'M A CHIMP, YOU KNOW. ***TALKING*** ISN'T MY FIRST LANGUAGE.

IF YOU ARE **NOT** ARRESTING ME, WHAT WAS YOUR **COMMENT** YOU MADE CONCERNING...

...A **LAWYER**?

WHAT? OH, THAT. JUST **IGNORE** THAT.

I'M SURE IT'S **ALL** FINE.

WHAT IS FINE?

I'M JUST SAYING YOU DON'T HAVE TO **WORRY** ABOUT ME.

YOU'LL PROBABLY NEVER HAVE TO **DEAL** WITH ME AGAIN.

BLAM

GOOD.

KNOCK-KNOCK

DEAR LORD.

LET ME GUESS...

"ONE MORE THING."

ACTUALLY, I HAVE, *UH*, QUITE A **FEW** QUESTIONS...

CLARK KENT WITH THE *DAILY PLANET*.

DO YOU HAVE A FEW MINUTES, **YOUR MAJESTY**?

HELLO, LIZZIE.

AREN'T YOU LOVELY.

I'M TOO YOUNG TO BE A GRANDMOTHER.

BUT YOU'RE OLD ENOUGH TO BE A GOD?

GODS COME AND GO.

GRANDMAS ARE FOREVER.

THE STORY WAS QUITE THE SENSATION.

HEADLINES AROUND THE WORLD.

SIR, THERE'S A--

BANG

THE TENACIOUS MR. KENT, FOLLOWING LEADS PROVIDED BY THE CHIMP, DISCOVERED TROVES OF EVIDENCE LINKING OUR FAMILY TO AMERICAN HISTORY.

THREE HUNDRED YEARS OF SACRED SECRECY WAS TOSSED IN THE WASTE BIN.

EVERY SORT OF COMMON LOWLIFE HOUNDED US.

ALL SEEKING EXPLANATION OF WHAT THEY PERCEIVED TO BE THE FACTS.

EACH DEMANDING TO KNOW WHAT POWER WE HAD AND HOW THEY MIGHT TAKE IT.

DAMN THAT ANIMAL.

FOR MONTHS, SHE DID NOTHING.

AND THE FATHER?

THEN SHE SENT HER GIRLS TO STEAL OUR MONEY.

IT IS BUT A MATTER OF *TIME.*

THERE IS AN *ORDER* TO THINGS.

THEN SHE SENT HER CHIMP TO STEAL OUR LEGACY.

INDEED.

ONE COULD ONLY WONDER...

ELIZABETH MARSTON PRINCE.

SANCTIFIED, BLESSED, NAMED...

...WHAT SHE MIGHT SEND NEXT.

...AND *LOVED.*

TO BE CONTINUED...

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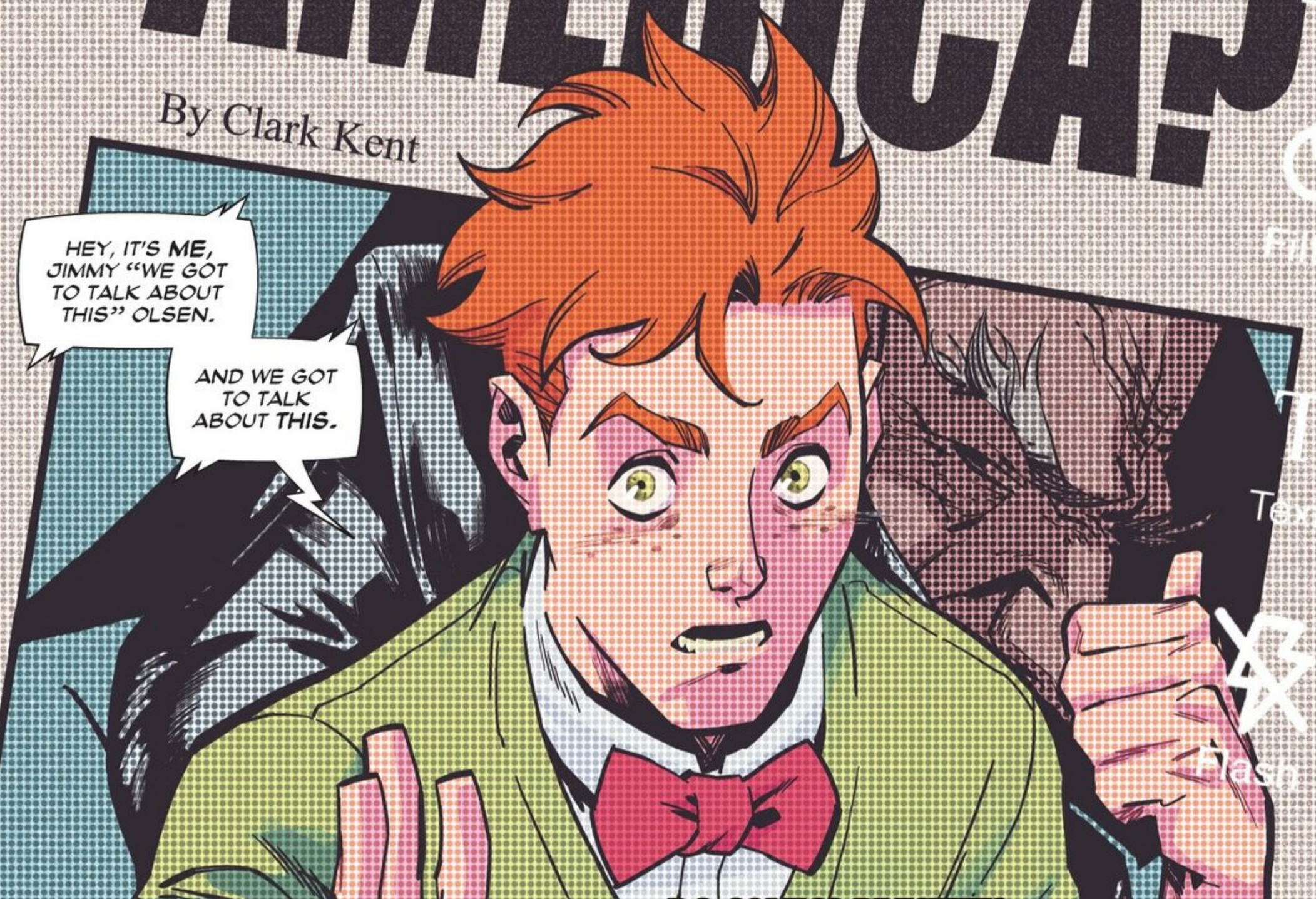
THE KING OF AMERICA?

By Clark Kent



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THIS IS MY **PERSONAL FRIEND**, STAR REPORTER AND PROFESSIONAL MIDWESTERNER--

--CLARK "KETCHUP ON HIS TIE" KENT.

WHO HAS AN **EXPLOSIVE** EXCLUSIVE IN THE LATEST EDITION OF THE GREATEST PAPER IN THE WORLD, **THE DAILY PLANET.**

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CLARK WRITES THAT **THIS** MAN...

...WHO APPARENTLY AND (I BET HUMBLY) CALLS HIMSELF **"THE SOVEREIGN"...**

...CLAIMS TO BE AND...MAY IN **FACT** BE...

...THE **SECRET KING** OF THE **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!**

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WHICH IS NEWS TO ME, AS I THOUGHT THAT WAS **MY** TITLE...

...WHICH I AM REVEALING TODAY FOR THE **FIRST** AND, I GUESS, FINAL TIME.

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HEAVY IS THE **JIMMY** WHO WEARS **THE CROWN.**

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BUT BACK TO THIS **THIN THUMB** OF A MAN.

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ACCORDING TO **MR. KENT**--PERSONAL FRIEND OF MINE--

--THE SOVEREIGN CLAIMS **HIS** FAMILY USED A **MAGIC LASSO** TO DUPE THE FOUNDING FATHERS INTO THINKING **THEY** WERE RUNNING A DEMOCRACY...

...WHEN, IN FACT, THIS **ROYAL FAMILY** WAS RUNNING THE **FOUNDING FATHERS!**

THE ORIGIN OF THE LASSO OF LIES IS NOT **THAT** CLEAR, BUT IT SEEMS THAT IT MAY HAVE BEEN STOLEN FROM **NATIVE TRIBES...**

...WHICH IS, I'M SURE, THE FIRST AND LAST TIME **THAT** HAPPENED IN AMERICAN HISTORY.

SARCASM.

NOW, I DREW **THIS** MYSELF. THIS IS A SCALE RE-CREATION OF THE TIME THE **SECRET KING** USED THE LASSO ON JOHN ADAMS.

I THINK YOU CAN SEE THE GRAVE PROBLEM HERE.

WHICH IS THAT **I** SHOULD STICK TO PHOTOGRAPHY.

AS AN ASIDE, I HAVE A NEW PODCAST OUT--**THE DAILY PLAN**--WHERE STEVE LOMBARD AND I TALK ABOUT MOVIES, SPORTS, AND **WHATEVER.**

PLEASE SUBSCRIBE AND REVIEW **WHEREVER** YOU GO TO GET YOUR PODCASTS.

SUBSCRIBE NOW!

IN THE LAST EPISODE, I GAVE STEVE A BEAUTIFUL PICTURE OF HIS DOG, AND **STEVE** GAVE ME A SURPRISINGLY PAINFUL ON-AIR WEDGIE.

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ANYWAY.

THIS HUMAN MOLE RAT IS DESCENDED FROM A **LONG** LINE OF HUMAN MOLE RATS WHO HAVE USED BRIBES AND MAGIC TO TEAR OUT THE **HEART** OF OUR GOVERNMENT.

ALL IN SERVICE OF THEIR **OWN** POWER AND ENRICHMENT.

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HERE YOU GOT ONE OF HIS HOUSES IN **McLEAN, VIRGINIA.**

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CLARK KENT--PERSONAL FRIEND OF MINE--TRACKED DOWN **FIFTY** OTHER MANSIONS REGISTERED TO THIS SOVEREIGN.

ONE IN EACH STATE!

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ALTHOUGH, IT SEEMS LATELY HIS VAST **FORTUNE** HAS SLIPPED INTO VAST **BANKRUPTCY.**

AND **ALL** THESE PROPERTIES HAVE BEEN TAKEN BACK BY VARIOUS BANKS AND ARE BEING RESOLD.

IN CASE **YOU** HAPPEN TO BE LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SETTLE DOWN THAT'S NICE AND LARGE AND EVER-SO-SLIGHTLY **EVIL.**

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NOW, YOU'RE **PROBABLY** THINKING THIS IS **ALL** MADE UP.

BUT MUCH LIKE RUMORS ABOUT ME OCCASIONALLY TURNING INTO A HUGE **TURTLE MONSTER...**

...IT'S AS **TRUE** AS IT IS **FRIGHTENING.**

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MEET **CIRCE,** WITCH OF ANCIENT GREECE AND ONE OF CLARK KENT'S-- PERSONAL FRIEND OF MINE--SOURCES FOR **THIS** STORY.

SHE **PERSONALLY** WORKED WITH THE SOVEREIGN, AND WITNESSED HIS MANIPULATION OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING USE OF THE **LIE LASSO.**

AFTER HER CAPTURE AT THE HANDS OF THE **JUSTICE LEAGUE,** SHE CONFESSED IT ALL.

BUT YOU'RE THINKING, "CAN WE REALLY TRUST A WOMAN MOST FAMOUS FOR TURNING MEN INTO SLOBBERING PIGS?"

WHICH REALLY ISN'T **THAT** MAGICAL-- DEPENDING ON THE **MAN,** I SUPPOSE.

BUT **NO!** THERE IS ANOTHER **VERY** INTERESTING SOURCE FOR THIS STORY.

BECAUSE CLARK KENT--PERSONAL FRIEND OF MINE-- ACTING ON INFORMATION **FROM** CIRCE...

...MANAGED TO FIND IN THE ALLEYS OF GOTHAM...

...THE SECRET **QUEEN OF AMERICA!**

BOOOOOOM!

BOOM.

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THIS **POOR** WOMAN IDENTIFIED HERSELF ONLY AS **PRINCESS CLAIRE.**

THE OLDER SISTER OF **THE SOVEREIGN** HIMSELF...

...AND TRUE HEIR TO THE **AMERICAN THRONE.**

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CLARK KENT--PERSONAL FRIEND OF MINE--WAS ABLE TO CONFIRM VIA FEDERAL RECORDS THAT SHE **WAS** A MEMBER OF THIS FAMILY.

THIS INFORMATION WAS BUTTRESSED BY **SEVERAL** PHOTOGRAPHS SHE HAD OF HERSELF AND A YOUNGER VERSION OF THE **THIN THUMB.**

FOR THOSE INTERESTED, I LEARNED THE WORD **BUTTRESS** WHEN I HAD TO SPELL IT FOR PLANET EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, **LOIS LANE**--

--PERSONAL FRIEND OF MINE.

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ACCORDING TO **PRINCESS CLAIRE**, HER FATHER, THE KING OF AMERICA, WAS **UNIMPRESSED** WITH HIS ONLY SON.

HIS ROYAL MAJESTY BROKE WITH **HUNDREDS** OF YEARS OF TRADITION AND INSISTED THAT HIS DAUGHTER BE **ELEVATED** OVER HIS SON.

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MR. SOVEREIGN DID NOT **PROCESS** THIS WELL.

HE RANTED AND RAVED THAT THE **HOLY ORDER** OF THINGS HAD BEEN OVERTURNED.

THAT HIS BIRTHRIGHT HAD BEEN WRONGLY STOLEN BY THE **LIE** THAT A **WOMAN** COULD EVER SUPERSEDE **A MAN.**

...AND **THEN** HIS DADDY TURNED UP **DEAD.**

WHEN YOU'RE A SECRET KING, IT'S EASY TO HIDE A **MURDER.**

ALLEGED MURDER, THE PLANET LAWYERS HAVE TOLD ME TO SAY.

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THE SOVEREIGN SECURED HIS FATHER'S LASSO, AND USED IT TO TAKE **CONTROL** OF THE KINGDOM.

HIS SISTER, **THE QUEEN**, FLED INTO THE NIGHT TO AVOID **ASSASSINATION...**

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...AND WAS **PRESUMED** LOST AND DEAD.
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SO THERE YOU HAVE IT, THE CONFIRMED AND LUDICROUS AND HORRIFYING STORY OF THE **SECRET KING OF AMERICA.**

A MAN WHOSE HATRED OF HIS COUNTRY IS **ONLY** SURMOUNTED BY HIS HATRED OF THE **WOMEN** WHO BUILT IT.

THE QUESTION IS THEN...**WHAT** NEXT?

WHAT **ELSE** WILL BE REVEALED ABOUT THE **THIN THUMB'S** MACHINATIONS?

AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THIS HORRIBLE, **HORRIBLE** MAN?

WELL, **MY** SOURCES-- ALL PERSONAL FRIENDS OF MINE--TELL ME THERE'S **ANOTHER** SHOE ABOUT TO DROP.

AND BY **SHOE**...I JUST MIGHT MEAN...

...**BOOT.**

RED. LEATHER. SOMETIMES HEELED. **BOOT.**

SUBSCRIBE NOW!

IN THE **MEANTIME,** DON'T FORGET TO SUBSCRIBE TO MY NEW PODCAST, **THE DAILY PLAN!**

WITH **ME** AND **STEVE** BREAKING DOWN THE BEST OF SPORTS AND MUSIC AND MOVIES!

IT'S REALLY... **SUPER.**

THE END.

JOIN US, METAMANIACS, AND LEARN...

METAMORPHO

THE ELEMENT MAN

#1 PREVIEW

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ACCESSING THE METAMORPHO FILE...

...HERE'S ALL THE DATA STAGG HAS!

NATURALLY, HE KNOWS WHO THE ELEMENT MAN IS AND HOW HE CAME TO BE...

...BUT THE FOOL HAS NO UNDERSTANDING OF METAMORPHO'S TRUE PURPOSE--

ARCHAEOLOGICAL ADVENTURER!

DISTRUSTFUL DAD!

PYRAMID PERIL!

MUTAGENIC METEOR!

FABULOUS FREAK!

SUPER COLD FREON

--OR THAT OF THE OTHERS!

SO WE CAN MOVE TO PHASE III...

YEAH?

DO TELL, MYSTERY MAN!

I...I'M HEARING THINGS!

THE METAMORPHO FILE... SPOKE?!

JAVA AIN'T THE ONLY GUY STAGG'S GOT GUARDING THE NEW DIGS! 'COURSE, I CAN GUARD IT AS AN INVISIBLE CLOUD OF PURE OXYGEN!

I COULDA STOPPED YOU AT THE DOOR, BUT I FIGURED OL' STAGGSY MIGHT WANNA KNOW JUST WHAT YOU WERE UP TO...

...SO I SLIPPED AHEAD TO FIND OUT...

...AS AN EXTRA LAYER OF GLASS ON THE MONITOR SCREEN!

SO LET'S HEAR IT, CHUCKLES! WHO ARE YA? WHAT'S WITH THE PUDDLE BIT? WHO'S Cy.C.L.O.P.S.?

AND WHAT'S PHASE III...?

PHASE III IS ME... MISTER 3!

AND PHASE III BEGINS...

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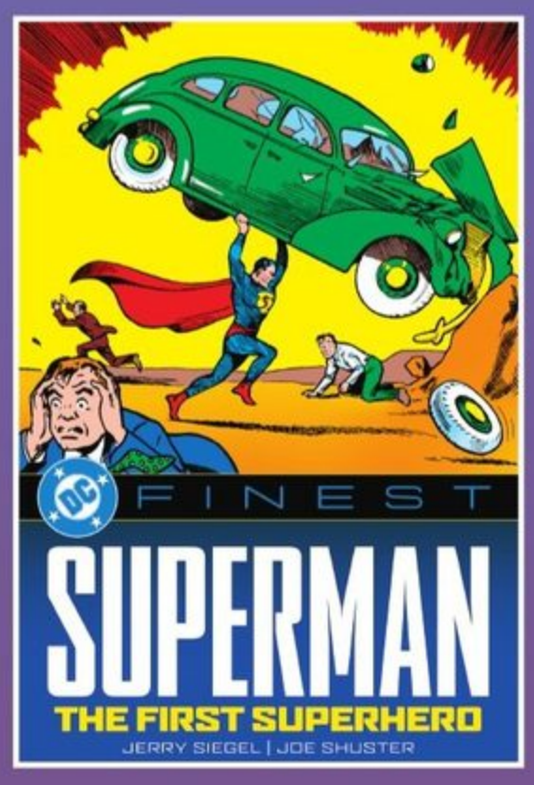

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